

Madison Meloy, 13, Leawood Middle School—Over 120 hours.

From childcare to coaching to working with the homeless, Madison is on a roll with her community service. According to Madison, "After doing community service once you don't want to stop." She certainly has remained busy! When she's not busy helping the teachers at school, Madison is sacking lunches for a shelter, sorting clothing donations.

Maranatha Deanna Wall, 16, Shawnee Mission North—Over 30 hours—Good Samaritan Project.

Few individuals could muster the tact and maturity that Deanna does in order to answer here peers' questions on the topic of teen sexuality. Deanna volunteers eight hours a week for the Good Samaritan Project, an organization devoted to HIV/AIDS prevention and education. She has worked with teens to help them understand the importance of self-respect when it pertains to safe sex and spends time on hotline calls answering panicked questions from her peers. Deanna says that she enjoys being able to clear up confusions on what may be very difficult issues for teens. She is convinced that youth volunteers are the catalysts for community change. "It's beautiful to see what other youth are doing to set off some new ideas," Deanna says. "It's important to be recognized for good especially when teens sometimes receive negative recognition." Deanna plans to assume many different roles as a volunteer, and with "a kazillion things to do" she promises to never be boring. Deanna was nominated by Elizabeth Spaur.

Bethany Meola, 14, Shawnee Mission West—Over 100 hours.

Bethany's volunteer experiences began at church, where she was inspired by the woman running a program there. Working with the children there has been challenging, but volunteering has allowed Bethany to learn the skills of patience and leadership. She enjoys being a role model for the younger kids she teaches and knows that they enjoy being able to look to her for encouragement. Her volunteering has taught her to recognize the potential in herself and in the children with whom she works and Bethany encourages other youth to take the volunteer plunge. "I know I have a better understanding about different things that I never would without community service. It really does change your perspective." The kids in church will be glad to know that Bethany plans to help out more, but that won't be enough for her! In Bethany's words: "Whatever looks interesting to me I will probably do; If I find any way to help the community, I will."

Christine M. Murray, 18, Blue Valley North High School—Over 165 hours—Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Phi Theta Kappa.

Christine believes that individual gifts mean everyone has something to offer as a volunteer. "While we might not be great in every area," Christine says, "we all have that one special talent and can use it to help others." This ambitious young lady takes

her inspiration from her family members who have "always considered community service to be part of the normal course of their lives." Growing up in a family with such high standards to emulate motivated Christine into action at an early age. Through middle school, she volunteered

Amy Turek, 13, Leawood Middle School—50 hours.

Even when Amy was on vacation, she was still volunteering! For two years, Amy collected the samples of soaps, lotions, and shampoos hotels offer to guests and later donated them all to a local homeless shelter. "Just try it once and you'll know how great it is!" she exclaims. Amy's greatest inspiration to participate in community service came from the people at her temple. There, she has been able to participate in many service events with her family that have been organized by the temple. She frequently goes to homeless shelters to serve and cook meals for the needy, and enjoys playing games and teaching arts and crafts to the children at the shelters. Amy relays this story about her volunteer experiences at the shelter: "After giving a man his food, he came up to my sister and I with tears in his eyes, thanking us and telling us 'God bless you'. I could tell he really meant it from the bottom of his heart." Amy will continue serving the community through her Jewish youth community service program. Amy was nominated by Michelle Myers.

Eddie Mitchell, 16, Blue Valley North—100 hours—Villa St. Joseph.

Eddie is getting seniors on the move. For months now, Eddie and other volunteers he has helped to recruit have been transporting the wheelchair-bound residents of Villa St. Joseph Nursing Home to Sunday Mass every week and tending to the resident's needs with attentive compassion. He helps the facility transform a livingroom into a temporary Chapel and back again and also transports all the residents to lunch. Every Sunday, services with Villa St. Joseph go off without a hitch, thanks to Eddie and his friends' commitment. But Eddie will be quick to point out that he's benefitting from his service more than the residents because he is able to connect to the people for whom he volunteers. "Not only do I get to feel the joy of helping out my community, but I also learn a lot every time I go," remarks Eddie. "I feel truly honored to be able to offer my hand to such inspiring and caring people." Eddie's proof that he's making a difference? The smiles he receives from the residents week after week. Eddie was nominated by Debbie Mitchell.

Allison Steinbrueck 16, Blue Valley High School—Over 1,000 hours—Heart of America Humane Society, The Bea Martin Peck Animal Shelter.

Allison has taken her love for animals further than caring for a family pet. When she discovered a volunteer opportunity at the Humane Society, she jumped at the chance to put her compassion to work. At the animal shelters, Allison helps animals to find a home and families to find a loving

Nathan Oliver, 18, Shawnee Mission East High School—1,500 hours—Ewing Marion

Kauffman Foundation Youth Advisory Board, Youth Volunteer Corps, SHARE Program.

Nathan is not a young man to mix words and certainly not one to shirk way from a challenge. "This world is full of followers and I challenge each and every individual to stand up and be a leader." Nathan has proven his leadership abilities through his experiences volunteering. His diverse talents range from support and counseling to fundraising and program development, but Nathan is ready for more. He points to his experience as a member of the Youth Advisory Board for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as an illustration of the impact of his service. He is part of a group of youth that help fund projects for up to \$10,000, for a total of \$200,000 every year. In the future, Nathan will continue to volunteer and develop his photography skills. Eventually, Nathan hopes to establish his own community foundation and put in place programs that give back to the community. Nathan was nominated by Bev Timmons.

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